

Application No.: 10/605,571

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REMARKS

Claims 7-13 are now pending in this application. Claims 7 and 9 are independent. Claim 9 has been amended, and claims 1-6 and 14 have been canceled by this amendment. No claims have been added.

The application is now in condition for allowance, given the Examiner's indication of allowable subject matter.

Anticipation Rejection over Aude

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 2, and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Aude is requested. These claims have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Unpatentability Rejection over Aude

Withdrawal of the rejection of claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aude is requested. This claim has been canceled, thus rendering its rejection moot.

Unpatentability Rejection over Aude in View of Ingrashi et al.

Withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4, 6, and 9-13 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Aude in view of Ingrashi et al. is requested. Claims 4 and 6 have been canceled, thus rendering their rejection moot. Independent claim 9 has been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of claim 14, thus rendering its rejection moot. Claims 10-13 now depend from allowable claim 9, thus rendering their rejection moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 7 and 8 are allowed, and that claim 14 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. In reliance upon the indication of allowable

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subject matter, the allowable subject matter of dependent claim 14 has been added to independent claim 9, and claim 14 has been canceled.

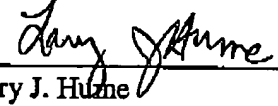
Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes that each of pending claims 7-8 and 9-13 in this application is in immediate condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge CBLH Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22040-00020-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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